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1. The anti-aircraft rockets now being produced at the Buehrle-Oerlikon plant in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, are undergoing tests in the wind tunnel at Professor Akeret's laboratory in Zurich. Volmy, a Swiss engineer and former student of Akeret, is in charge of the experiments. The rocket, which is said to be of a somewhat elementary type, will have an impulse of 1,100 pounds for one minute and fifty seconds, which is sufficient to send it to a height of 30,000-40,000 feet, where it can intercept bombers. Plans for radar control of the rocket have not yet been completed. Most of the scientists employed in the work at Vaduz are German.
2. A Yugoslav group is reported to have reached an agreement with Buehrle for the purchase of small arms. The deals will probably be handled through two Italian firms, Societa Italiana Scambi Internationali and Intracomp, both of which Buehrle controls.

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